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We've already seen examples of misuse of private personal info by the FBI and other law enforcement and our federal gov't should be acting to protect our privacy not take it away.

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With 20 years in Software Development and over a decade of Internet use, I most strongly oppose the extension of current surveillance capabilities.

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